GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2998
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
MISSING OF FILE FOR PURCHASE OF AIR BUS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an important file relating to the controversial purchase of French Airbuses is missing from the records;

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Government to trace the important file;

(c) whether the Delhi High Court has also directed the CBI to urge the Government to trace this file immediately; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) : One file of this Ministry had been missing prior to the registration of case by the CBI in March, 1990. Vigorous efforts were made to trace this file but it could not be traced. However, this file was partly reconstructed and forwarded to CBI on 5.5.1997.

(c) & (d) : The Delhi High Court inits hearing on this case on 29.8.2000 directed to file an affidavit indicating the steps taken to trace the file and fix responsibility for missing file. The Court was informed by affidavit filed on 19.9.2000, that an inquiry had been held in 1990 by the then Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of this Ministry and no malafide intention was attributed to any official(s) regarding the missing file.